

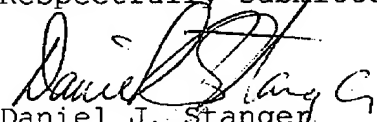
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patterns 623c-627c are described (lines 18-19). Note, further, inverted openings ("shifter patterns") 623b-628b, which have a phase opposite to the phase of the opening patterns.

In light of this embodiment, the support for the limitation mentioned by the Examiner is believed to be evident. Accordingly, the Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claim.

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